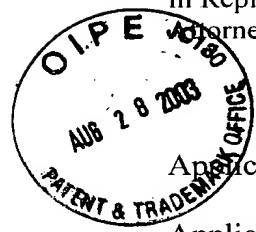


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Species A, including Figures 1-3; Species B, including Figures 4-6; and Species C, including Figures 7-

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Species A, B and C is covered by claims 19-36.

The Examiner did not identify Figures 10-12 as a separate species, although these figures cover a further embodiment of Applicants' invention. This embodiment shown in Figures 10-12 is covered in claims 29-36.

In view of Applicants' election of Species A, which is covered by claims 19-36, Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of claims 19-36.

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